affected due to delicensing of Dairy Industry and by competition from major international producers and exporters of milk products;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of milk during the lean summer months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.C.LENKA): (a) and (b). The emergence of a large number of milk product manufacturing units in an unregulated manner could lead to competition between co-operative dairies and others for liquid milk. However, the interests of the co-operative dairy sector will be protected.

(c) It is normal practice to use conserved milk products during the lean season and also impose selective restrictions on the conversion of milk into milk products to improve milk availability during lean summer months.

Production and Requirement of Kerosene

1479. SHRI ARVIND TULSIRAM KAMBLE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total production and requirement of kerosene in the country;

(b) whether there is any gap in its production and requirement; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to bridge the gap?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a)and (b). The total production & consumption of SKO is as under:-

(Figs. in MT)

Year	*Indigenous production*	*Consumption*
1988-89	5201	7731
1989-90	5700	8239
1990-91	5472	8385*

*Provisional

(c) To the extent possible, the gap between demand and availability is bridged by imports.

Visit by Cuban Foreign Minister

1480. SHRI PRATAPRAO B. BHONSLE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Foreign Minister of Cuba visited India recently; and

(b) if so, the bilateral matters including trade that figured in his talks with Indian leaders and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a)

Yes, Sir. The Cuban Foreign Minister visited India from December 16 to 27, 1991.

(b) Various issues of mutual concern were discussed between the two sides. This included discussions on the scope of further trade exchanges between the two countries. As a result, the Cuban Minister of Foreign Trade visited India from February 9 to 12, 1992.

Outlets and LPG Agencies

1481. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies allotted during each of the last two years, State–wise;

(b) the number out of these sanctioned from the discretionary quota; and

(c) the number out of these allotted to physically handicapped, ex–servicemen and scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the same period, State–wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a)and (b). During the last 2 years the details of the Letters of Intent issued for Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships are as follows:

	RO	LPG
1989–90	304	184
1990–91	228	100

Out of these 66 retail outlets and 70 LPG distributorships were allotted under the discretionary powers of Government.

(c)	RO	LPG
Physically Handicapped	47	7
Defence	28	13
SC/ST	114	30

Centre–State Relations

1482. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inter–State Council at its meeting held in December, 1991, made several recommendations on matters relating to Centre–State relations; and

(b) if so, the recommendations made and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) and (b). No meeting of the Inter–State Councils was held in December, 1991. A meeting of the Sub–Committee of the Inter–State Council was held on 7th December, 1991. The Sub- Committee considered 27 recommendations of the Commissions on Centre–State Relations (1983–87).

There was a general consensus about 18 of 27 recommendations and nine would be taken up for consideration again after all the 247 recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission's Report had been considered by the Sub–Committee.

The views of the Sub-committee will be placed before the Inter–State Council for its consideration. Further action will be taken